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SUBJECT: APPEARANCES IN THE WAKE OF THE PURGE

1. NCNA ENGLISH (OCTOBER 25) REPORTED THAT SHANGHAI OFFICIALS MA TIEN-SHUI AND CHOU CHUN-LIN BOTH APPEARED AT AN OCTOBER 24 RALLY HELD IN THAT CITY TO CELEBRATE THE "GREAT VICTORY" OVER THE "GANG OF FOUR". MA PRESIDED OVER THE RALLY, AND WAS IDENTIFIED WITH BOTH HIS TITLES AS CCP SECRETARY AND VICE CHAIRMAN OF THE PROVINCIAL REVOLUTIONARY COMMITTEE. CHOU, WHO WAS IDENTIFIED AS CCP SECRETARY AND SHANGHAI GARRISON COMMANDER, DELIVERED A SPEECH. JAPANESE CONGEN OFFICIALS HERE HAVE INFORMED US THAT OFFICERS FROM THEIR CONSULATE IN SHANGHAI SPOTTED HSU CHING-HSIEN AND WANG HSIU-CHEN STANDING NEXT TO MA AT THE RALLY, ALTHOUGH THEY WERE NOT MENTIONED IN THE NCNA RELEASE. THESE APPEARANCE CONTRADICT AN AFP REPORT OF OCTOBER 23 WHICH STATED THAT HSU, WANG AND MA HAD BEEN
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PUBLICLY CRITICIZED AND RELIEVED OF THEIR POSTS(PEKING 2193).

2. JAPANESE SOURCES IN SHANGHAI ALSO REVEALED THAT A REFERENCE TO CHUNG FA 17 HAS BEEN SIGHTED IN A RECENT SHANGHAI WALLPOSTER. THE POSTER NOTED THAT AN INVESTIGATION COMMITTEE UNDER THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED TO PROBE THE DETAILS SURROUNDING THE SHANGHAI FOUR AND THEIR ALLEGED COUP ATTEMPT.

3.A FURTHER POSTER SIGHTING ON OCTOBER 21 ASSERTED THAT NI CHIH-FU, PENG CHUNG AND SU CHEN-HUA HAD BEEN IN SHANGHAI TO BRIEF LOCAL OFFICIALS ON THE PROPER HANDLING OF THE CAMPAIGN AND CELEBRATIONS IN SHANGHAI (HK 12400). THE POSTER STATED THAT THE CITY LEADERSHIP WAS EXPECTED TO TAKE THE FOREFRONT IN THE FIRST PHASE OF THE CAMPAIGN AGAINST THE FOUR, BUT THAT IN THE SECOND PHASE LOCAL PARTY COMMITTEE PROBLEMS WOULD BE DEALT WITH. NO EXPLANATION OF THIS LATTER POINT WAS GIVEN BY THE POSTER.
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